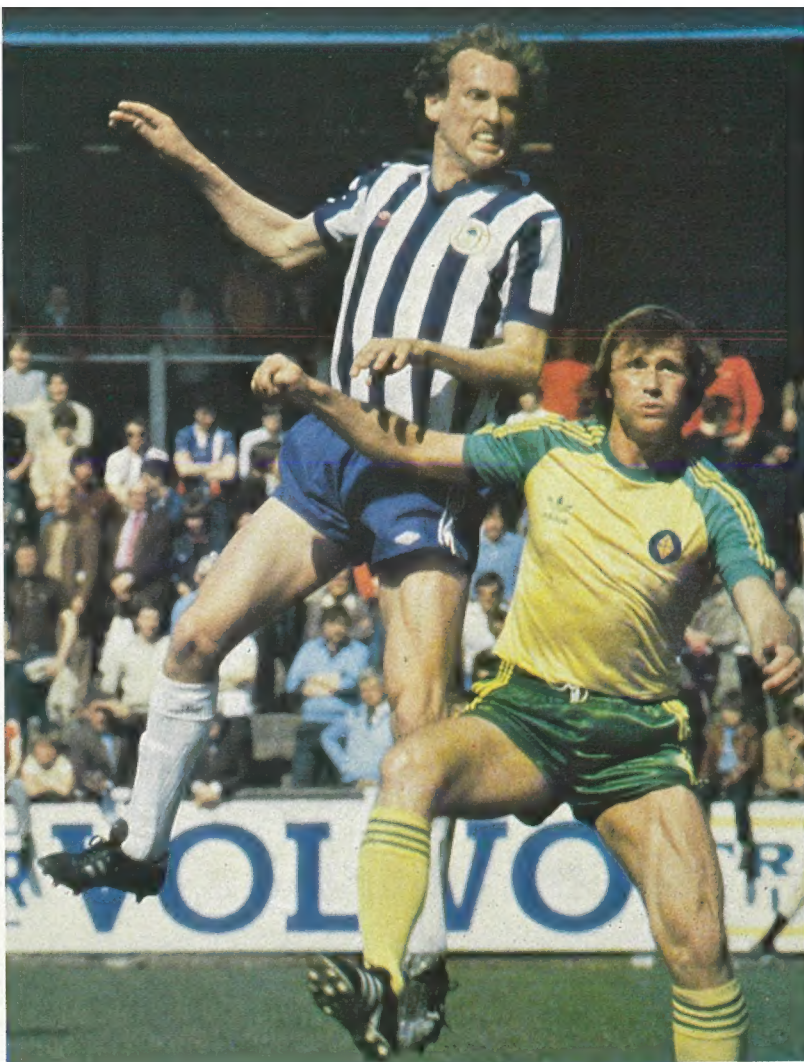


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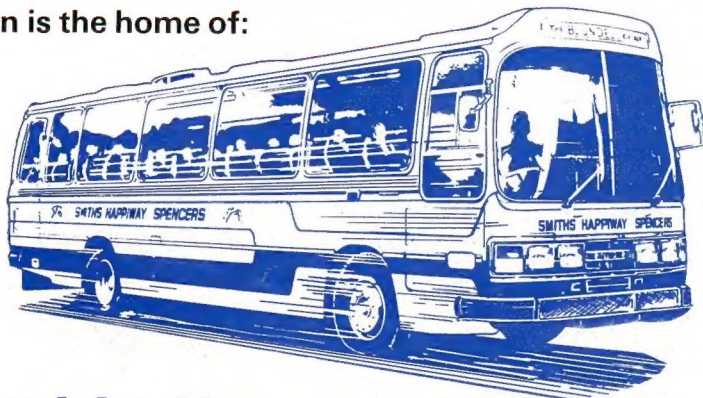
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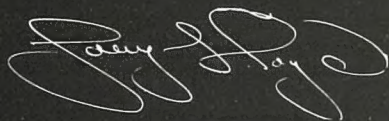
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Welcome to Mansfield Town this afternoon for our last home match of the season. It would be tremendous if we could clinch promotion this afternoon in front of our own supporters, as I feel, generally, throughout the season, you have given us tremendous support, both at home and away. For this I thank you, on behalf of the players and myself.

This season has been very successful for us and all credit must go to everyone connected with the club, Directors, players, coaching staff, office staff, and a very important group of people, the ones so rarely mentioned, Irene, our lady who makes sure we turn out every match looking impeccable in freshly laundered kit, Duncan the physio, who looks after our injuries, Tommy the tea-man who quenches our thirst after training and matches, and of course, Bill, our groundsman and his grandson Philip, who keep the pitch in good condition.

I thank all these people, because without them the club would be impossible to run. Many thanks once again to you, the supporters, and here's wishing for your continued support, hopefully in the Third Division next season.

Enjoy the game,



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DOWN MEMORY LANE

IN THE 1975/76 season, Brian Tiler, who had been quite a successful manager, left the club for the American club Portland Timbers, and for a month the team were managerless. Then in April, 1976, Ian McNeill returned to the club. After one mediocre season when there were a few directoral resignations including the Chairman — Ken Cowap, attendances took a nose-dive and financial difficulties mounted. Times were looking very black, and it was becoming more difficult to make ends meet. Two gates at that time were less than 800. Drastic cuts had to be made and there was a general clear-out. The future did not appear to be very safe. All through the years, however, I always said that promotion to League status would come when it was least expected, and that thought gave the remaining Directors the incentive to fight on against all odds.

Arthur Horrocks, who had been Chairman on two previous occasions, was persuaded to return to the Board and was immediately made Chairman. That season was the worst ever experienced in the Northern Premier League — the team only finished fourteenth. There had, however, been a general clear-out and re-building was taking place. This proved to be successful — the team performances improved immensely after the signing of Maurice Whittle from Fort Lauderdale. His steadiness and skill in mid-field gave us a new and unbeatable

confidence, a confidence that was reflected in an unbeaten run stretching from early October, 1977 to January, 1978. That season it was decided that only the winners of the Northern Premier League and the Southern Premier League could apply for League status. Wigan only finished second, but luckily Boston, the Champions, were disqualified from applying on account of their ground failing to pass as fit for League Standards. Wigan were accepted as runners-up. Everything was going our way. Gates were improving, and success in the F.A. Cup gave us great publicity — that year we beat York City in the First Round, then we had a magnificent win by 1-0 against Sheffield Wednesday and put up a great performance in the Third Round at Birmingham — although that game was lost by 4-0, the team were greatly admired in the Midlands by such a sporting display.

In June that year we were elected to the Football League — after tying with Southport 26 votes each — a revote resulted in Wigan being elected by 29 votes to 20, and after 34 disappointments, **Wigan** were IN. The Wigan representatives at the meeting, namely, Arthur Horrocks, myself and Ian McNeill immediately returned to Springfield Park to be greeted by numerous jubilant supporters. 2nd June, 1978, will be a day I shall remember for the rest of my life.

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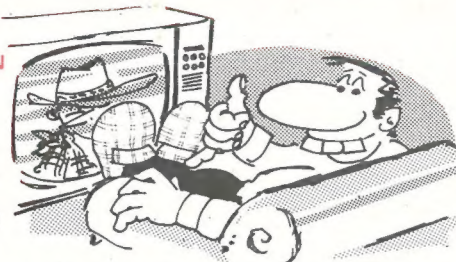
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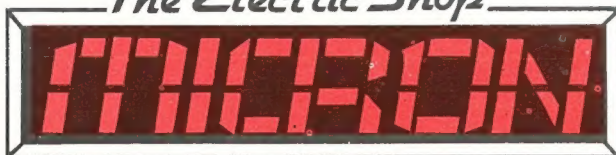
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Blackpool	0-2			0-3			1-1	0-0	5-0	1-0	7-1		1-0	3-1	2-3	1-0		1-1	2-0	0-1	2-0	2-1	0-2		
Bournemouth		1-0			0-2	3-2	1-1	2-0	2-0	1-1	5-1		1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-0	2-0	0-0	1-0		1-1	0-0	5-1
Bradford	4-1	1-0					2-1		3-0		1-0	0-0	1-1	3-4	2-1	2-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-2	5-1		1-1	3-3	6-2
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THE 1982 WORLD CUP FINALS

1st ROUND				2nd ROUND	SEMI-FINALS	3rd PLACE MATCH	FINAL			
Jun. 13 - 25				Jun. 28 - Jul 5	July 8	MATCH July 10	July 11			
Date	Group	Match	Venue	GROUP A	A In Barcelona	In Alicante	In Madrid			
June 13	3	Argentina v Belgium	Barcelona	v F A						
14	1	Italy v Poland	Vigo							
	6	Brazil v Russia	Seville	v						
15	1	Peru v Cameroon	Coruna	v						
	3	Hungary v El Salvador	Elche	Winner	v					
	6	Scotland v N. Zealand	Malaga							
16	2	W. Germany v Algeria	Gijon	Enters Semi-Final A						
	4	England v France	Bilbao	GROUP B						
	5	Spain v Honduras	Valencia	v F A						
17	2	Chile v Austria	Oviedo							
	4	Czechs v Kuwait	Valladolid	v						
	5	Yugoslavia v N. Ireland	Zaragoza	v						
18	1	Italy v Peru	Vigo	v						
	3	Argentina v Hungary	Alicante	Winner						
	6	Brazil v Scotland	Seville							
19	1	Poland v Cameroon	Coruna	Enters Semi-Final B				B in Seville	v	v
	3	Belgium v El Salvador	Elche	GROUP C						
	6	Russia v N. Zealand	Malaga	v F A						
20	2	W. Germany v Chile	Gijon							
	4	England v Czechs	Bilbao	v						
	5	Spain v Yugoslavia	Valencia	v						
21	2	Algeria v Austria	Oviedo					Winner		
	4	France v Kuwait	Valladolid							
	5	Honduras v N. Ireland	Zaragoza	Enters Semi-Final A	v					
22	1	Peru v Poland	Coruna	GROUP D						
	3	Belgium v Hungary	Elche	v F A						
	6	Russia v Scotland	Malaga							
23	1	Italy v Cameroon	Vigo	v						
	3	Argentina v El Salvador	Alicante	v						
	6	Brazil v New Zealand	Seville							
24	2	Algeria v Chile	Oviedo	Winner						
	4	France v Czechs	Valladolid							
	5	Honduras v Yugoslavia	Zaragoza	Enters Semi-Final B						
25	2	W. Germany v Austria	Gijon							
	4	England v Kuwait	Bilbao							
	5	Spain v N. Ireland	Valencia							

The first-round group matches will be played on a league basis of two points for a win and one for a draw. The top two teams from each of the six groups advance to the second round. If teams are level on points then goal difference will decide. If goal difference is also equal then the team which has scored the most goals will qualify and if this does not separate them they will draw lots.



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AND AS the sun sinks on yet another football season... I would like to mention a few people who have made 1981/82 so enjoyable for me in what is my first year in football administration. My thanks go to Jack Farrimond, who showed me the ropes and who is such good company on the mornings after our mid-week victories. Together we have shared many a hang-over, and I will always remember his declaration that if we don't stop winning it will be the death of him.

Similar thanks must go to Lynda Fillingham, whose excellent work in the office has made my life so much easier, and whose excellent cups of tea have enabled Jack and I to survive many a morning.

The Commercial Department has been transformed this year and the efforts of David Roberts and his merry band cannot go unmentioned, nor can the excellent work of Billy Mitchell and Philip, the groundsman.

But perhaps it is those not employed by the club, but whose efforts for it have been so impressive. People such as Deryk

Asson, who somehow managed to build the laundry and the Executive Lounge at prices which caused other builders to weep. And Stan Jackson, who is always ready to lend a car to the players when one breaks down, and to me, when mine did. Stan also replaced the lights in the stand, having noticed they were falling down when one fell on his head. And Tom Bleasdale, one of our most loyal supporters who always asks "How much do you want?" before you even tell him what you want it for.

But most of all, I want to thank all the supporters who pay me the honour of saying "hello" to me when they see me in the street or outside the ground. This is something I've never encountered before, and it certainly makes my day when someone whose name I don't know seems to know mine. Good grief, I'm almost famous!

And just a final word to the Club Chaplain, Denis Hall, who apparently doesn't read the programme until he's home in bed. "Night, night, Denis".

Cheers,

Colin Burke.



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THE LOCAL VIEW



by Harold Ashurst

FOLLOWING a hectic week of six cup finals, two semi-finals and a whole backlog of League games, the Wigan Amateur League's season is now almost complete.

In the cup competitions, Aspull, who have been pipped by Bethel for the Premier Division title, picked up the Hughes Cup after beating Wigan Youth and they also moved into the finals of the Laithwaite Shield, where their opponents will be — Wigan Youth. That match incidentally, will be played next Saturday at Springfield Park.

The Dean Cup was won by Lamberhead, who beat Bridgewater 2-0, while the Davenport Cup final produced a cracking match with St. Jude's coming back from two goals down to win 3-2 against Newburgh.

Bryn Gates collected the Reporter Cup after their 2-0 replay win over Abram Reserves, while in the Youth Division, Poolstock met Coachwood in the Hilton Cup final with Poolstock coming out winners with the odd goal in five.

Meanwhile, in the Post and Chronicle League, all the positions are now virtually settled. The one clash remaining is between champions Bryn and Lancashire Union. If Union win, then there will be a play-off with Hindley Celtic to see who joins Aspull in the Second Division next season.

Wigan Town are Division One runners-up, courtesy of last week's victory over White Swan, and unless any clubs drop out, Castle

Spinners and Victoria will be promoted to the First Division.

Pier and Bullough Fasteners are promoted from Division Three, with Standish going down, while Rockleigh and Millstone are promoted from the Fourth, with Coach House dropping down. Teams "going to the wall" during the close-season is the reason why more teams in this League are going up, rather than coming down.

The "Post League" are to continue in the Lancashire Inter-League competition next season. There had been thoughts that they may drop out because of rising costs, but the clubs voted unanimously to continue.

The prestigious Wigan Cup final could be an all Wigan Amateur League affair. Greenough Street surprisingly beat St. Wilfrid's in one semi-final last week, and the other match is between Aspull and Wigan Tech, which was played last night.

Ronnie Starkie, well known in local soccer circles, is back in town. Ronnie, who now lives in the North East, has brought his team, Cleveland League members Bellmangate, to play against his former club, Hindley Green at Thomas Street, today.

Finally, I'll end the column, and the season, with a couple of snippets. Wigan Amateur League have received applications from five teams who wish to join next season.

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Wigan Athletic	23	13	5	5	40	15	31
Liverpool A	28	13	5	10	45	46	31
Oldham Athletic Res.	25	11	8	6	35	28	30
Manchester United A	26	11	7	8	40	32	29
Tranmere Rovers	24	12	3	9	37	32	27

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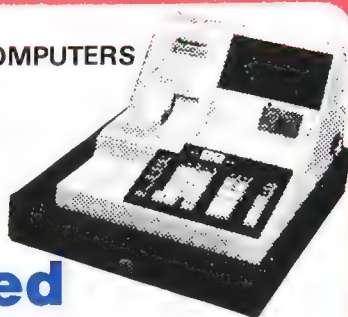
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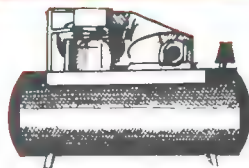
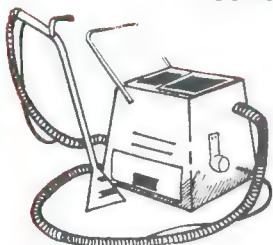
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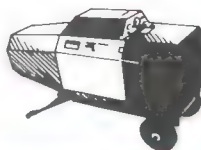
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Mansfield Town, our visitors today, became a professional club in 1905, but were only elected to the Football League in 1931, when they gained admission to the Southern section of Division Three. In 1968/69, they reached the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup.

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PERSONALITIES

(Goalkeeper) Rod
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ARTHUR MANN Signed from Shrewsbury Town in September

1979. He was previously a record signing for Manchester City from Hibs. From City he went to Notts County and was a regular member of their first team for many seasons. Arthur can play either midfield or full back.

NOEL PARKINSON (Midfield) Born Hull. Signed for Ipswich Town from school and made his first team debut at 19 in the UEFA Cup. Signed from Ipswich in July, 1980. Ambitious to go back into the First division.

ADRIAN BURROWS (Centre Half) Adrian is a local boy who has come through the junior teams. Son of the famous Horace Burrows (England International). Regular member of the first team last season.

CHARLIE BELL (Midfield) Signed from Middlesbrough in July, 1981. Made a number of First Division appearances for Middlesbrough during his five years since joining them from school. Also a keen cricketer and Yorkshire fan.

BRIAN THOMSON Fast running winger who was signed from West Ham in July, 1979. Made a number of first team appearances last season.

DAVE CALDWELL A young striker signed from a Scottish junior side in June, 1979. Very sharp around the box with a good shot in either foot. Got into the side last season scoring 11 goals.

JIM LUMBY (Striker) Signed from Tranmere Rovers in February 1981. Previously with Scunthorpe and Carlisle United where he had built up a reputation as a goal scorer. Quick with a good shot in either foot.

SIMON WOODHEAD A young striker who was signed professionally in 1981. Made the occasional first team appearance last season and impressed. Simon looks to have a promising future.

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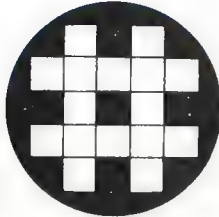
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 28

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go. **One of the Powells; Half a 100-goal striker . . . ; . . . the other half!; Canaries' colour.**

CLUB CLUE No. 28

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:
One side of t'building where t'cotton's spun.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 28

Re-order the letters in each of the words **ADVISE** and **COWER** to find two ex-Wales men:

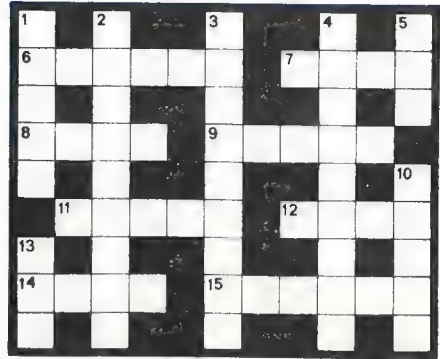
QUICK QUIZ No. 28

1. Which was the last club to win the FA Cup with an all-English team?
2. Which NASL club had Kevin Bond, Steve Daley, David Nish and Bruce Rioch in 1981?
3. Which League club(s) did Lawrie McMenemy play for?
4. Which South African brothers played for England?
5. Which club did Peterborough United replace in the League?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 30

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1981/82 SERIES



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No 28 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. Top scorer for Leeds last season (4,6)
7. His WBA managerial slices sandwiched Atkinson (5)
8. Preston's most prolific scorer last season (5)
9. City successfully visited by Liverpool en route to winning the European Cup last May (5)
12. Sullivan, say (5)
13. Midfielder who won promotion to Division One with Carlisle in 1974, with 14 across in 1976, and with Bolton in 1978 . . . in 1979 he won promotion to Division Two with Watford! (5)
14. See 13 across

DOWN

2. MacLeod, maybe (4)
3. Promotion-winners in 1981 (7)
4. Famous English administrator who was behind, for example, the introduction of the 'diagonal' system of refereeing (4)
5. A few seasons ago Brian Clough had a large, well-publicised notice displayed on the Forest pitch — it read: "Gentlemen, no ---, please!" (8)
6. One of Charlton Athletic's nicknames (8)
8. City which recorded a relegation double in 1981 (7)
10. An England man puts this before 13 across (4)
11. Jimmy --- was in the City half of 8 down . . . as he was in their 1980 relegation (4)

OUT & ABOUT



with Chris Gill

NEXT SATURDAY the Football season thankfully comes to something of an end . . . and I'm absolutely delighted.

Having taken in about 80 games all over the country, including every Latics match from Frome to Hartlepool, I think I speak for others when I say enough is enough.

It's nearly 10 months since Latics kicked off their new campaign against Northern Irish side Bangor — and won 6 - 1.

Since then the going has been nothing less than frantic, not only for the players, but also at least one pressman I know — me!

Yes, the two-month break between seasons (if I can avoid the World Cup) provides time to do those little things in life that the job never let's you get around to . . . such as eating, sleeping and drinking.

Seriously though, it's tremendous to be able to travel about, most times courtesy of a go-ahead club, and sample the delights of football.

But sometimes you tend to feel sorry for other players from other clubs. And last Saturday it was sad to see the way

Peterborough's supporters howled derision and mocked their own lads.

Admittedly, the team were not producing the goods, and have slipped out of the promotion chase. But to sing something to the effect of 'You're going up, we're not' during the game, hardly inspired hope among the "Posh".

Incidentally, I've never seen anyone empty a ground as quick as Les Bradd. His superb second goal at London Road, hit in the 63rd minute, had the home fans clambering over each other in a bid to escape.

It must be a dreadful experience, though, to go 40 odd matches, be always up at the top, and then let it slip in a dramatic finale — it's something you pray won't happen to you, but does.

Anyway, let's just put on record (get it) my appreciation of the Latics' Music Society who sang so sweetly at Peterborough and put the England soccer lads in the shade.

It was a marvellous display of support and I think you could say a reet good time was had by all.

Cheers, see you next season (in the Third, I hope).

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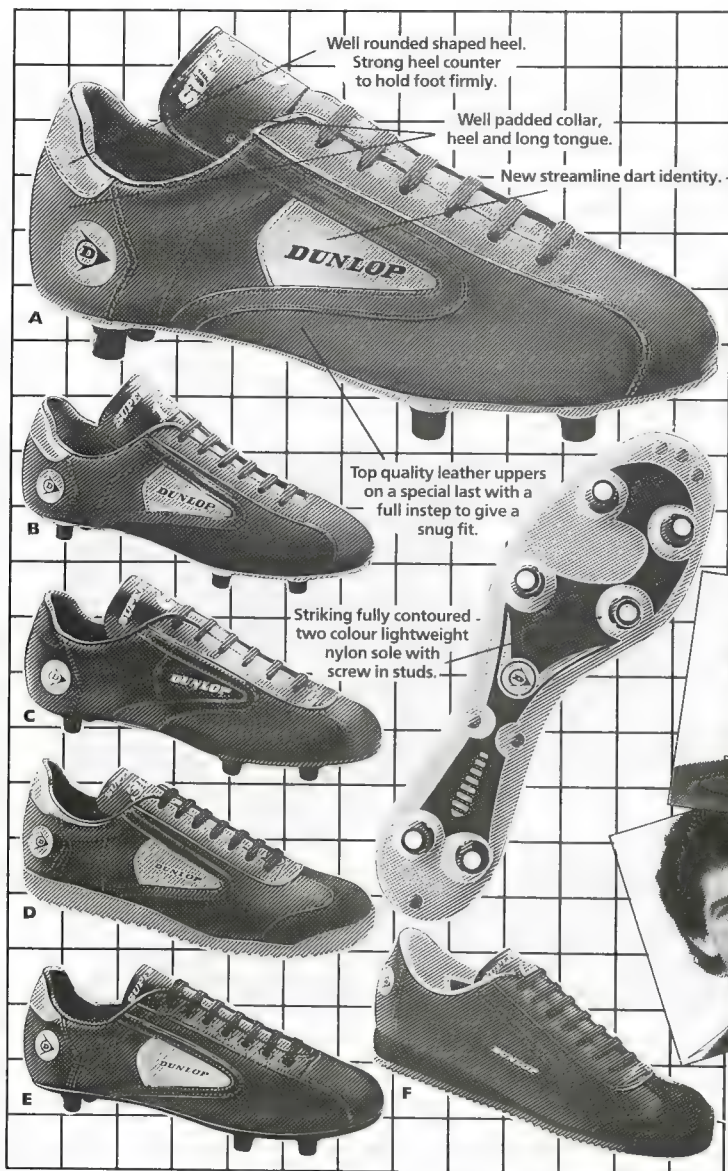
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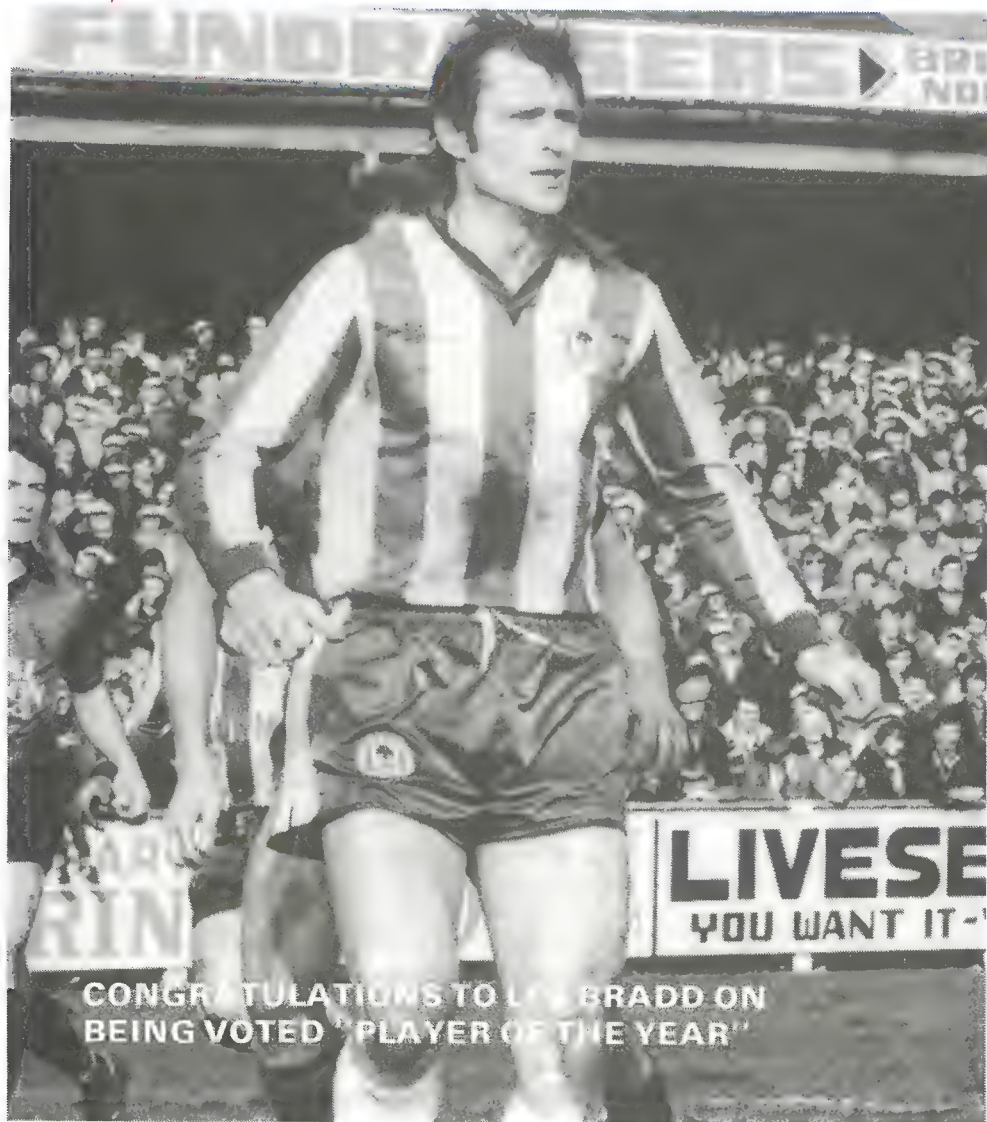


**For the eighth time this term, Neil Freeman fails to hold off a Wigan attack as Les Bradd Notches up his twentieth goal of the season.
Photograph by David Cookson.**

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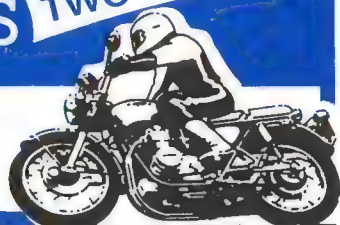
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Look Back

In the last two programmes I have been reviewing our progress over the last few months.

Our April meeting proved, as we expected, to be a night to remember. The attendance of the entire playing staff and many of the backroom boys ensured that the evening would provide happy memories for many, many, children.

We also provided Les Brad with a memory or two when we presented him with a trophy to commemorate his 550 Football League appearances. I think one of the most significant parts of the evening might prove to be the attendance of Piccadilly Radio. If we are attracting the likes of local radio then we are all going to benefit.

Next season, well, who knows, but after the start we've made, and it is only the start, I feel that it is going to be very exciting.

The monthly meetings will continue to expand and develop as we continue to attract stars of T.V., Radio and International Sport.

We should have teams playing League soccer and netball and the Coca Cola Super Skills will continue to give first-class training.

Thank-you

I think the time is right to thank the many people without whose help Junior Latics would not have been the success it has.

The Committee's work started in June of last year. It is a tribute to the work that has been done, that today we have a thriving organisation. I would like to thank Marjorie Wilkinson, Margaret Wilkinson, Betty Carter, Lynda Fillingham, Eric Swann, Graham Lowe, Les Bold, Trevor Rudd, Paddy Boardman, Peter Jackson and Brian Middlehurst, for the work they have done and the support they have given.

Peter Jackson, John Curtis, Noel Ward, Billy Addison, Dave Hill and Ian Gillibrand have all given up a tremendous amount of time at the Coca Cola and Soccer training.

Marie Brookfield for working so hard at her netball sessions.

Tommy Stevens for his impeccable refereeing.

Colin Burke, for being remarkably helpful, and a great comper. Colin must be the most enthusiastic Club Secretary in the Football League.

David Roberts and Helen for opening the club shop.

Jimmy and Nellie for opening the Supporters' Club often after only a short break.

Stuart Cooper for being a super Question Master.

The Chairman and Directors for all the help we've needed.

Larry and all the players for giving up their spare time and being so helpful on matchdays.

And last, but by no means least, Jack Sudworth.

Many thanks to all.

Curtain Raiser

Junior Latics v Manchester City Junior Blues is the match the boys have been waiting for for most of the season. It should be a cracker. Good luck boys.

Matchday Mascot

Today's Mascot is 9 year old Steve McCormack. He attends St. Pauls School, Goose Green. His hobbies are playing football all day long. His favourite players are David Glenn and Les Bradd.

Have an enjoyable day Steven.

Don't forget the last meeting of the season on May 13th. Asa Hartford is guest and Piccadilly Radio will be sending another surprise guest. We will be presenting the Coca Cola certificates from the second sessions during the night.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS





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Peter Houghton and Eamon O'Keefe shoot for the Bournemouth goal, but both shots sailed over the crossbar.

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*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

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AUG. 29	Bradford City	3-3	4,229	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon†	Barrow	Bradd	Quinn	Evans†	Houghton
Aug. 31	STOCKPORT CNTY. F.L. Cup 1 1st Leg	3-0	5,079	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Quinn	Evans	Houghton
SEPT. 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED	0-1	8,001	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley†	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Wright
Sept. 12	Hartlepool United	1-2	1,715	Brown	McMahon	McAdam†	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Wright
Sept. 14	Stockport County F.L. Cup 1 2nd Leg	2-1	2,913	Ward	McMahon	Glenn	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langley†	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Sept. 19	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	3-1	3,996	Ward	McMahon	Glenn	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langley†	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Sept. 23	PORT VALE	2-0	4,525	Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn†	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Barrow
Sept. 26	Tranmere Rovers	0-0	2,774	Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Langley
Sept. 29	A.F.C. Bournemouth	0-0	4,952	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
OCT. 3	TORQUAY UNITED	1-0	4,876	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Oct. 6	Aldershot F.L. Cup 2 1st Leg	2-2	1,960	Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow ²	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Langley
Oct. 10	STOCKPORT COUNTY	2-1	4,873	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
Oct. 17	Hull City	2-0	3,600	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
Oct. 20	Bury	3-5	6,249	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd†	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
Oct. 24	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	2-1	4,553	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	M. Quinn
Oct. 27	ALDERSHOT F.L. Cup 2 2nd Leg	1-0	4,926	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn.M	Houghton	Evans	Wright
Oct. 30	Colchester United.	2-1	3,882	Brown	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Evans
NOV. 4	DARLINGTON	2-1	4,512	Brown	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Evans
Nov. 7	HEREFORD UNITED	1-1	4,715	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Evans
Nov. 11	CHELSEA F.L. Cup 3.	4-2	12,063	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall ²	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
Nov. 14	York City	0-0	2,780	Tunks	Cribley	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Glenn
Nov. 21	HARTLEPOOL UNITED F.A. Cup 1	2-2	5,303	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Bradd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Weston	Evans
Nov. 25	Hartlepool United F.A. Cup 1R	0-1	3,739	Tunks	Cribley	Weston	Wignall†	Bradd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evans	Glenn
Nov. 28	Rochdale	1-1	2,675	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Bradd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evans	Wright
DEC. 1	ASTON VILLA F.L. Cup 4	1-2	15,362	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall†	Bradd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evans	Wright
Dec. 5	HAI IFAX TOWN	2-0	4,002	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Bradd	Methven†	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton†	Evans	Wright

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JAN. 2	Mansfield Town	2-1	2,157	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
JAN. 5	TRANMERE ROVERS	0-0	4,133	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	M. Quinn
JAN. 19	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	5-0	4,111	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Weston
JAN. 23	BRADFORD CITY	4-1	3,077	Tunks	Glenn	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
JAN. 26	Crewe Alexandra	1-0	7,184	Tunks	Glenn	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
JAN. 30	Northampton Town	3-2	2,418	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 6	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	1-1	6,315	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 8	Port Vale	1-1	8,775	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 13	Torquay United	0-0	2,545	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 17	ALDERSHOT	1-0	5,120	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 26	Stockport County	1-0	5,084	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	O'Keefe	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Weston
MAR. 6	HULL CITY	2-1	6,008	Tunks	Glenn	Weston	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	Quinn	Evans	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Wright
MAR. 9	BURY	3-2	7,508	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 12	Scunthorpe United	7-2	2,559	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 16	Darlington	1-3	2,147	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 20	COLCHESTER UNITED	3-2	6,747	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 23	Sheffield United	0-1	22,336	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Weston	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 27	Hereford United	0-3	4,191	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 30	BLACKPOOL	2-1	7,329	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Quinn
APR. 2	YORK CITY	4-2	6,029	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Quinn
APR. 9	Blackpool	2-1	9,439	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Quinn
APR. 10	CREWE ALEXANDRA	3-0	6,142	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Quinn
APR. 17	Halifax Town	0-0	3,660	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Quinn
APR. 24	ROCHDALE	1-1	6,153	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Bulter	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Taylor	Quinn
MAY 1	Peterborough United	3-0	6,123	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Wignall	Taylor
MAY 4	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	0-0	9,021	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Wignall	Taylor
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Comment **FROM THE CHAIR**

GOOD AFTERNOON and a warm welcome to the directors, players and supporters of Mansfield Town who visit us on a day when we should be mathematically guaranteed Third Division football next year.

The gate against Bournemouth in mid-week was absolutely tremendous. It proves that when we took the gamble of committing ourselves financially far in excess of what cautious husbandry would permit, we were backing a winner. The size of the gate and the enthusiasm of our supporters has amply repaid us for our efforts. Next season, wherever we may be, must be one in which we consolidate and balance the books. To "do a Swansea" is an attractive proposition, but the cost of failure in a mad dash to the higher reaches of the Football League could be disastrous and I would repeat that next year will be one of consolidation.

I personally have never been as

uptight as I have over the last few weeks. The tension and disappointments have been horrendous and I am sure that you have all felt worried and concerned, but I can guarantee that no one has felt the strain more than I.

As this is the last programme of the current season I will take the opportunity to thank everybody connected with the club for their sterling efforts. It has been an exciting season, but one which has been difficult, with the terrible weather we suffered, and tense, with the race for promotion going on so long.

I would also like to thank my fellow directors for their hard work and support this year. And my final thanks must go to you, the supporters, for your trust and commitment. A club is only as good as its supporters and there can be no doubt that you deserve all the success that Wigan Athletic will give you.

Enjoy the game.

Freddie Pye,
Chairman.

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- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 David Glenn
- 4 Alex Cribley
- 5 Larry Lloyd
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Eamon O'Keefe
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 Les Bradd
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Mark Wignall
- 12 Brian Taylor

TEAM CHECK

OFFICIALS

Referee:
MR. K.A. REDFERN
(Whitley Bay)

Commenced refereeing at University but tended to be a player until 1970. Northern League 1972 and Football League in 1973. Refereed the Northumberland Senior Cup Final in 1976, lined a European Cup match in 1978 and an F.A. Cup Semi-Final in 1980.

A former County Schoolboy and Under-18 Amateur with Newcastle United. His hobbies are cricket and athletics. A married man with three children and is a self-employed Jeweller.

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Mr. M.S. Dickman
(Parkgate, S. Wirral)

Yellow Flag
Mr. J.J. Shawcross
(Winnington, Northwich)

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TOWN**
(Amber/Blue)

- 1 Rod Arnold
- 2 Simon Woodhead
- 3 Arthur Mann
- 4 Charlie Bell
- 5 Adrian Burrows
- 6 Kevin Bird
- 7 Paul Cannell
- 8 Dave Caldwell
- 9 Jim Lumby
- 10 Gary Nicholson
- 11 Noel Parkinson
- 12 To be announced.

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John Brown Testimonial
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